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MAN FOUND GUILTY OF POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Federal authorities announced that yesterday afternoon, May 7, 2003, a jury in the U.S. District Court in Tampa found defendant James Maxwell guilty of two counts of possessing child pornography in <u>United States v. James Maxwell</u>, Case No. 8:03-cr-27-T-24TGW. Maxwell, 42, of St. Petersburg, Florida was indicted on January 23, 2003. He faces a maximum prison sentence of five years. Sentencing is set for August 12, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

According to evidence presented at trial, Maxwell possessed 526 images of child pornography on a computer zip diskette, and fifteen (15) images of child pornography on a computer floppy diskette.

This case was investigated by the Innocent Images Task Force of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Katherine M. Ho.